

Tiverton Library Services

Board of Trustees Minutes

Tiverton Public Library

February 10, 2016

Trustees/Director Attending:

Greg Jones

Kathy Clarendon

Lee Hoyer

Colin Robinson

Jennifer Theroux

Ann Grealish Rust, Director

Guests: Kathy Gallagher for the Friends, and Gayle Lawrence for the Union Library

Greg Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed Kathy Clarendon as a new member of the Board of Trustees

Agenda Items

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the January 13 Meeting were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ann Grealish Rust reviewed the operations budget vs. actual report for the first 7 months of the fiscal year and the monthly report for January. Expenses are within budget.

3. Union Public Library Association

Gayle Lawrence reported that there has been a good turnout for the T

Thursday Teas and that

two good articles about Union Library have recently appeared in the Fall River Herald and the Newport Daily News.

She also reported that the Fire Department has recently done its routine inspection of Union Library.

4. Friends of the Tiverton Library

Kathy Gallagher reported that a successful Friends Annual Meeting was held on February 9, and that there are at least 40 new members this year.

5. New Building.

Ann Grealish-Rust reported that Clarion Fire has recently done the first quarterly inspection of the library fire suppression systems. She and Lee will work with Behan and the company that installed the fire suppression system to address the five comments that were noted.

According to Jeff Boudreau of Fire Suppression, other than the Community Room pull stations, the items are suggestions and not code required. Additional clarification of the importance of these suggestions will be obtained.

Lee reported that a decision about the placement of a sign at the corner of Roosevelt Ave and

Bulgarmarsh Ave. is on hold until Sandywoods Center for the Arts has obtained a Special

Use Permit to add its name to the sign.

The Town Civil Engineering consultant has required that the sidewalk along Bulgarmarsh be 5' wide, rather than 4 1/2' wide as approved by RIDOT, and that construction be delayed until warmer weather.

6. Foundation.

The Foundation is working on preparations for the 2016 Library Gala that will be on April 30, with "Midnight in Paris" as its theme.

A grant is being submitted to the RI Foundation for partial support (\$15,000) of a mural for the library as previously discussed with Mika Seeger and Peter Geisser. The Trustees unanimously voted to support the application and the mural installation once funds have been obtained.

7. Director's Report.

Ann Grealish-Rust provided a detailed Director's report, plus comparative bar-graph data for Library Users, Virtual Users, and Circulation during January 2015 (Essex) and January 2016(Tiverton Public Library)--with striking increases in each category. She noted that a good list of movies is set for the regular monthly Movie Nights, and that there is a continuing

increase in the use of meeting rooms by town departments.

Ann reported that the volunteer program is continuing to work well and that one new person will be starting soon.

In regard to a request for use of the Community Room for a private party (a birthday celebration for a senior citizen), the Trustees unanimously voted to allow such occasions on a case-to-case basis, providing the events are during library hours, that a \$50 fee be charged, and that all library policies be followed.

In response to a question from the Trustees, Ann contacted Karen Mellor at RI OLIS and was told that the Trustees have sole discretion as to the number of meetings each year, and that there is no requirement that they be every month.

Ann distributed two proposed new library policies, regarding Solicitation within the building and Video Surveillance, and Trustees are requested to review them and provide any suggested modifications by the March meeting.

8. Old Business

Ann reported that the Town Council will review the FY 2016-2017 Library Budget on

February 20, and that the Budget Committee review will be on March

3. The Trustees budget

committee met with Ann prior to the Trustees Meeting and the plans for presentation were presented.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lee Hoyer for Ed Roderick**